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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: FIC/LOGAR AIRPORT

REF: KABUL 8058

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1. IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 23 WITH EMBOFF, AAA PRESIDENT
SULTAN GHAZI REVEALED THAT CANADIAN FIRM, MONTREAL
ENGINEERING, HAD BEEN SELECTED AS CONSULTANTS FOR
ENGINEERING SURVEY OF BOTH LOGAR AIRPORT AND FIC.
HE STATED THAT THEIR PROPOSAL HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY THE
IBRD, AND THAT A TEAM FROM CANADA WAS DUE TO ARRIVE IN
KABUL ON JANUARY 25 TO FINALIZE CONTRACT. ASKED WHY
CANADIANS SELECTED, HE SAID ONLY THAT "OTHER CONSIDERATIONS"
HAD DETERMINED CHOICE BETWEEN THREE EXCELLENT PROPOSALS.

2. WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT CANADIAN IDA TEAM VISIT HERE
IN DECEMBER WAS DECIDING FACTOR. WHILE WE KNOW OF NO
AGREEMENT BY CANADIANS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL TRAINING,
THEIR DONATION OF A \$900 THOUSAND AIRPLANE, AND EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN UNSPECIFIED AID PROJECTS IN AFGHANISTAN,
PROBABLY TIPPED THE SCALE.

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3. GHAZI POINTED OUT THAT SELECTION OF CANADIANS FOR SURVEY DID
NOT RULE OUT OTHER FIRMS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, BUT
IT IS OBVIOUS MONTREAL ENGINEERING HAS INSIDE TRACK.

4. FOR JIDDAH: PLEASE INFORM AIRWAYS INTERNATIONAL, THOMAS.
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